

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the subject patent application.

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended): Method in removal of internal bones in a fore-end of a split carcass, including:

bringing a transport tool (27a) to grip around the [[fee]] free end of the shank bone;

pulling the fore-end past cutting tools (1, 9, 15) by means of the transport tool;

having the cutting tools (1, 9, 15) perform cutting operations along the shank bone

and the humerus bone and the shoulder blade guided by these bones to free-cut at least partial these from the rest of the fore-end; and

maintaining the articulations between [[at least]] the shank bone, [[and]] the humerus bone and the shoulder blade at least partially unbroken during the cutting operations, so that the tractive force from the transport tool (27a) by the grip of the tool around the free end of the shank bone is transferred to the bones via their unbroken connections.

2 (canceled).

3 (previously presented): Method according to claim 1, further including supporting the fore-end on a transport plane (3) during the cutting operations.

4 (previously presented): Method according to claim 1, further including flexibly suspending at least some of the cutting tools, so that during the cutting operation they are flexibly loaded against the shank bone, the humerus bone and/or the shoulder blade.

5 (previously presented): Method according to claim 1, further including employing a machine to make two cuts along opposite sides of the shank bone near the free end of this before the transport tool (27a) is brought to grip around the free end of the shank bone, so that the transport tool can grip down into these two cuts and obtain contact with the shank bone.

6 (previously presented): Method according to claim 1, further including moving [[at least]] the shank bone, [[and]] the humerus bone and the shoulder blade, after the cutting operations with the cutting tools (1, 9, 15) in a direction upwards from the transport plane of the fore-end (3, 34), while the rest of the fore-end is kept at the transport plane by retaining means (33), whereby [[at least]] the shank bone, [[and]] the humerus bone and the shoulder blade are removed from the fore-end.

7-19 (canceled).